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Societies Occupying Mercury Hall.

MALDEN LODGE, No. 19, N. E. O. P., John J. Hurland, Warden; James H. Giddard, Secretary; meets 1st and 3d Thursday evenings in each month.
THE NEWPORT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, Richard Gardner, President; Thomas Phillips, Secretary; meets 1st and 3d Wednesday evenings of each month.
BROWNS LODGE, No. 11, K. of P., David Blue, Chancellor; Commander, Robert B. Franklin, Keeper of Records and Seal; meets every Friday evening.
DAVIS DIVISION, No. 5, U. E. K. of P., St. Knight Captain George A. Wilcox; Everett L. Gorton, Recorder; meets 1st and 3d Friday evening in each month.
NEWPORT GYM, No. 707, M. W. A., A. A. Page, V. M. Connolly; Charles B. Parker, Clerk; meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month.
LADIES' AUXILIARY, Ancient Order of Hibernians, meets second and fourth Thursday in each month.

Local Matters.

County Club Entertains.

The Newport County Club threw open their newly fitted rooms in the Gas Building to the ladies Thursday evening, the entertainment being in the nature of a house warming in honor of the enlarged quarters. The club now occupies the second and third floors of the north part of the building and has ample room for the use of its members and to entertain its guests on occasion. On the upper floor are the billiard, card, and dining rooms and kitchen, while on the lower floor are the reading, writing and music rooms.

All these rooms were handsomely decorated for the entertainment of the club's guests Thursday evening. Stately palms and graceful rubber plants were artistically placed about the rooms, adding the touch of green necessary to set off the handsome fittings of the club to the best advantage. As the members and guests assembled they gathered in the music room where a delightful programme, consisting of vocal and instrumental numbers, was rendered. A collation was served and later dancing was enjoyed.

The entertainment committee of the club, to whom was due the credit for the very enjoyable evening, consists of Messrs. William P. Clarke, George E. Houghton, Jr., H. A. Linfield, William P. Hayman and J. Frank Albrow.

For Organized Labor.

Odd Fellows' Hall was the scene of an interesting meeting in the interests of organized labor in general and the carpenters union of Newport in particular. The hall was filled with union men and their friends and sympathizers, with a sprinkling of women in the audience. The speakers were all good talkers and advanced able arguments for the trade union. It was stated that the local strike of the carpenters' union was practically settled. Mayor Boyle acted as chairman of the meeting and gave a brief interesting address. He was followed by former Alderman Louis Shantler, J. Gallagher, Thomas Lucas, W. J. Shields and President McAdam of Carpenters' Union, No. 176. Mr. Shields is the organizer of the union for this section and proved to be a fluent speaker, making the principal address of the evening. Resolutions of sympathy with the carpenters, as presented by Thomas Furness, were adopted.

The United States Senate passed a bill on Monday giving Louis Lillard Spencer of this city title to old Fort Denham on Halidon Hill. The fort was built in the last part of the 18th century but was soon abandoned.

On Monday evening next the Grand Master of Masons in this State, J. Elery Hudson, will make a visit to St. John's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., of this city.

Rev. T. Calvin McClelland, pastor of the United Congregational church, has been granted a three months leave of absence, and with Mrs. McClelland will spend the summer abroad.

Destroying a Building.

The old building at the corner of Arch avenue and Thames street, which has been torn down to give room for a modern store building has been the occasion of much uncertainty among those who were engaged in work there. A serious accident occurred last Saturday afternoon and it was remarkable that there was not a fatality. Charles H. Mally was at work under the roof of the building when the roof settled and he was crushed beneath a beam. He was apparently seriously injured and was with difficulty rescued from his painful position and carried down to the street. He was sent to the hospital in the ambulance and there it was found that his injuries were not so serious as was feared, although he has several bones broken.

On Monday the work of demolition was continued and when the bulk of the building fell it startled the passers-by considerably. At present the old arch which spans the wharf remains in statu quo. It is said that an agreement between the parties having ownership in this section of the building has not yet been reached, so it is regarded as possible that the arch may remain where it is.

At the regular monthly meeting of William Ellery Chapter, D. A. R., held Tuesday evening, the regent, Mrs. John P. Sanborn, read her report as a delegate to the National Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington last month. The chapter unanimously voted to invite Lieutenant R. P. Hobson of Merrimack Maine to deliver a lecture here during the month of April under the auspices of the chapter. The lecture will probably be given in the Opera House or some other suitable place.

The old Hall estate on Broadway and Collins street, which was recently sold by Messrs. Haile and Shepley to Constant Smith, began to present an animated appearance. Preparations are being made to move the present building to the back end of the lot and the Broadway front will be the site of a large three story building, the lower floor to be used for stores and the upper floors for tenements. There will be quite a change in the appearance of that portion of Broadway when the new building is completed.

Police Commissioner Harwood E. Read has resigned his position as a member of the Republican city committee from the third ward. It was chairman of the committee and this position has been filled by the election of Col. William P. Sheffield, Jr. Mr. Read announces that he will retire from active politics after having been a power in the local political field for many years.

On Friday evening of next week, at the residence of Mrs. Alger, 421 Broadway, there will be a genuine Rhode Island Clam bake served at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church. This will be a regular bake prepared out of doors in the regulation style, and will give the public a good chance to partake of the initial bake of the season.

Mr. Wm. Herman West will sing at the Sunday evening services of the Presbyterian Church, tomorrow. He will sing one of the favorites "My Heart to God My Soul to Thee." He will also sing by request, "The Ninety and Nine." The seats at this church are all free.

Col. John J. Astor has taken a house in Newport for the coming season and proposes to remain here all summer. This is the first time he has occupied a house here. He has generally been the guest of his mother or some other member of the Astor family.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Cramp will occupy their villa on Bellevue avenue known as "Sunnyton" the coming season, having abandoned their proposed trip to Europe.

Messrs. Kaull and Anthony are erecting a new barn in the rear of their store. Their old barn is to be used by the City Laundry.

Rev. J. H. McDonald, formerly pastor of the Thames Street M. E. church, now of Lowell, Mass., has been in town this week.

Mojar Paul S. Murphy of the Marine Corps has been detached from the Training Station and ordered to Guam.

One of Perry's plate glass windows was broken Monday by a horse becoming unmanageable.

Mr. John Whipple, who has been seriously ill, was able to drive out Wednesday.

Mr. Herbert L. Dyer sailed for Cuba the past week to be away for some weeks.

Mr. Henry J. Jones was successfully operated on recently.

New Yorkers Still Taxed.

The New York tax assessors have not been disposed to remit the taxes against those former residents of New York who have been declared by the Rhode Island supreme court to be citizens of this State. Those persons who own real estate, especially who maintain winter homes in New York, have found it impossible to avoid the payment of taxes on their personal property in New York. A test case will probably soon be made, however, and this case will undoubtedly have much effect on the personal property valuation of the city of Newport. If it is decided that a man is obliged to pay a personal property tax in New York after securing a certificate of citizenship in this State, there will be no object in preferring this State as a permanent domicile, but if the tax is removed in those cases there will undoubtedly be a large addition to our number of personal property tax payers next year.

According to the New York papers the test case will probably be made in the case of Mr. John R. Caswell. While this case differs in a number of particulars from the majority of such cases, in that Mr. Caswell has large business interests here as well as in New York, and also for other reasons, it will generally be regarded as a test case. Its outcome will be eagerly awaited.

Mr. Caswell appeared before Commissioner Straubinger last week and desired to be relieved of a tax on personal property assessed for \$5,000. He exhibited a certificate of his residence in Rhode Island and showed that his name appeared on the tax list of Newport for the current year.

Mr. Straubinger examined the certificate and then announced that, while it was undoubtedly according to the Rhode Island laws, it was not sufficiently convincing to warrant him in removing Mr. Caswell's name from the local books.

"You don't doubt that my home is in Newport, do you?" Mr. Caswell inquired.
"Not at all," the tax commissioner answered, "but you are in business here, and the board believes that you have at least \$5,000 in taxable personal property in this city. You probably do not know, but it is a fact, that we assess non-residents who are engaged in business here upon the assets of their business. We assume that you have \$5,000 invested in this city which is not taxed through other channels, and we shall hold you for the amount of your assessment."

Two boys of tender years have found bicycle stealing a dangerous pastime. One wheel was taken from the yard of the owner and another was stolen from the piazza of the Y. M. C. A. The boys came to grief through taking one of the bicycles to Griffith's for repairs, where it was recognized by the owner, although an attempt had been made to disguise it. Complaint was entered at the police station and as the offenders were already known to the police they were taken into custody. One boy was sent to the reform school and the other was turned over to the probation officer until such time as he shall be placed in a satisfactory school.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, New England Order of Protection, held its annual meeting in Boston Wednesday. There were 375 members present. That jurisdiction shows a net gain in membership of nearly one thousand the past year. The Grand Lodge of Rhode Island will meet in Providence next Wednesday. Newport has quite a large membership in this body.

A number of the members of Coronet Council, Royal Arcanum, went to Providence Tuesday evening to accompany Grand Regent Andron on his visit to Massachusetts Council. The Newporters returned by the electric, having a special car from Fall River.

The Newport One Price Clothing Company is showing a handsome line of spring overcoats. Manager Bergman has under contemplation a number of radical changes in the store, which will add to its convenience and appearance.

Mrs. A. C. Titus of Salem, Mass., is the guest of her son, Mr. Harry A. Titus. Mrs. Titus has just returned from Washington, where she was a delegate to the National Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

It is believed that Captain J. J. Harker will remain in command of the Training Station for some time longer as Captain C. M. Thomas, who had been selected to relieve him, has been assigned to another command.

Mr. George Russell of this city has been elected Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, Royal Arch Masons.

Articles of incorporation of the Newport Engineering Works have been filed with the secretary of state. The capital stock is \$20,000.

Recent Deaths.

Joshua Willbour.

Hon. Joshua Willbour of Bristol, United States consul at Dublin, died Tuesday at the home of a sister in Rutherford, N. J. He was well known in Rhode Island banking circles, and had been prominent in the State's political affairs for a long time. His friends were legion, and his character was such as to deserve the friends.

Mr. Willbour had suffered severely from a complaint of the kidneys. Last summer he had an operation performed in London, and last fall underwent a second operation for the same trouble. The latter part of November he sailed for America on advice of physicians, who thought that the sea voyage would be of benefit to him.

Upon his arrival in the United States, Mr. Willbour went to the home of his sister, Mrs. Emma J. Loder, in Rutherford, N. J., and had been there ever since. His condition continually grew more serious, and Tuesday the end came.

Mr. Willbour leaves a sister, Mrs. William H. Park of Pawtucket, and a married sister in Illinois, in addition to the sister at whose home he was at the time of his death.

Mr. Willbour was a member of many clubs and societies, and among others of the Sons of the Revolution of this city.

Benjamin H. Lawton.

Mr. Benjamin H. Lawton died at his residence on Cross street Wednesday morning, after a long and lingering illness. He was a cabinet maker by trade and for many years was in the employ of the George E. Vernon Co. He was twice married and leaves four children, one by his first wife and three by his second. His widow survives him.

Mrs. Arthur Herbert, wife of Hon. Arthur Herbert, of the British diplomatic corps, with her children, will arrive here the latter part of the month to visit her sister, Mrs. T. Shaw Safe, who with her husband will spend the coming season here.

The Newport Business Men's Association has taken in several new members this week.

Col. John R. Leslie has resumed his duties at the Rogers High school.

Real Estate Sales and Rentals.

C. H. Wrightington has rented for Miss A. R. Babcock the upper half of her house No. 10 Eir street to Mrs. D. Bourgeois.

Harrison & Company, bankers and brokers, have leased Travers Block store No. 2 for the season of 1902. Samuel R. Honey has sold to Raffaele Pagani and Antonio Quintana, for \$800, the estate bounded northerly, 68 feet, by land of Frank Watts and others; easterly, 49 2-10 feet, by other land of the grantor; southerly, 10 feet, by Cozzon court; southwesterly, 48 2-10 feet, by other land of grantor; and westerly, 39 10-100 feet, by land of the Old Colony Railroad Company.

Busan Travers has sold to Ellen T. Duer for \$12,000, the property bounded northerly, on Francis street, 108 feet; easterly, on land of George C. Mason, 67 feet; southerly, on land of the heirs of Alfred Smith, 107 feet; and westerly, on Rhode Island avenue, 63 8-10 feet. Also a second tract bounded westerly, on Bellevue avenue, 174 feet; northerly, by Bath road, 100 feet; easterly, by land of James S. Watson, 174 feet; and southerly, by land of James S. Watson, 104 feet.

Col. Edward Morrell has rented his cottage on the southerly side of Shepard avenue (Ochre Point) to Mr. Edward C. Knight, Jr., of Philadelphia for the coming season.

The Pendleton Estate has rented the cottage on the cliffs, between the properties of H. McK. Twombly and Mrs. Ogden Goelet, to Charles P. Hoffman, Jr., of New York, for the season of 1902.

Roly J. Helme and Abbie S. Cummings, executors of the estate of Theodore R. Helme, have sold to Albert Viscio, for \$4,950, the Helme block on Spring street, bounded west, 61 feet, on Spring street north, 59 feet, on land of Moses Brotherton; east, 67 feet, on land of Edwin S. Burdick; and south, 35 feet, on land of Arthur B. Mumford. Albert Viscio has sold the same estate to Alfonso Del Franco.

The estate of J. M. Hodgson has rented their villa on the easterly side of Bellevue avenue, known as "Lyndenhurst," to John Jacob Astor for the coming season.

A. O'D. Taylor has rented for Mrs. Terry, wife of Reverend Roderick M. Terry, her furnished cottage on Gibbs avenue to E. L. Anthony.

A. O'D. Taylor has sold for J. Clayman Ziegler, administrator on the late Matilda T. Peckham's estate, the latter's two double tenement houses, one on the southerly side of Barney street, and one on Allen's court, with 5,270 square feet of land to George G. Williams.

A. O'D. Taylor has rented for J. Hazard Wilson, his house at the corner of Belwood street and Cottage street, to H. T. Nastasi of New York.

A. O'D. Taylor has rented for the summer season for the Rev. T. Calvin McClelland, the United Congregational Manse, furnished, on Hull street to Mr. Ludlow Patton of Orange, New Jersey. Mr. McClelland will spend his summer vacation in Europe.

A. O'D. Taylor has rented, unfurnished, to Mr. George G. Williams, formerly of Philadelphia, the house called the "Breech House" at corner of Francis and Everett streets.

School Committee.

The regular monthly meeting of the school committee was held last Monday evening when routine business was transacted. There were three absentees from the meeting.

The report of Superintendent Lull contained statistics of school attendance as follows: The total registration at the end of the sixth month was 3,601; average number belonging, 3,050.8; average number attending, 2,705; percentage of attendance, 87.8; cases of tardiness, 992; cases of dismissal, 70. The total registration February 21, 1902, was 3,601; total number February 21, 1901, 3,140; increase, 221; pupils granted leave February 21, 13. The total number of cases of tardiness last February was 973; decrease, 311. The average daily attendance for February in the Parish was 9.1. The membership at date is 9. The evening elementary school had an average attendance for the month of 18 men and 8 women. The evening drawing class had an average attendance of 13 and the bookkeeping class of 4; total, 19. The elementary closes this week Friday. The drawing and bookkeeping close March 27.

The superintendent also spoke of the advisability of the teachers visiting other schools; of the practice of fire drill in the schools; of the observance of Lincoln Day; of the visits of inspection by the chemistry class of the Rogers High School; and of the weather record kept by Grade VI. On the subject of physical culture he said:

Miss Worthen met 117 young ladies of the Rogers at Masonic hall last Tuesday, organized two classes, and began instruction in physical culture. The classes are voluntary and meet once a week at 3:30 or 4:30 p. m. By this plan the young ladies can present themselves properly dressed for the exercises, have a full hour for the lesson, and not be obliged to hurry to and from school, or to sacrifice a part of their regular school work. Of course, this is not the ideal way. A school gymnasium with proper bathing facilities, a regular gymnasium suit, and a definite period of the school program given at least twice each week to physical culture, are essential for satisfactory progress and for health. The new building must include this department, and parents should see to it that their daughters are not much longer deprived of privileges so necessary for their future welfare.

The report of Triant Officer Topham contained the following: Number of cases investigated (reported by teachers), 108; number of cases of truancy, 16; number of different children truant, 14; number out for illness and other causes, 151; number found not attending school, 4; number sent to public schools, 2; number sent to Catholic schools, 2. March 4 one boy, a habitual truant, whom I have on probation, was committed to the Socanisset School during his minority, for cause other than truancy. I recommend that George King and Charles Harvey be prosecuted for not attending school according to law.

Superintendent Lull also read a preliminary report from the enumeration of the school census, showing a total of 4,55 per cent. The superintendent was authorized to make the necessary arrangements for the graduating exercises in June. The matter of tardiness on the part of pupils who are employed during the early morning was brought up, Mr. Lull stating that 75 pupils have permission from the department to report late at school. The growth of this privilege was informally discussed and it was decided to send a circular letter to parents and employers urging them to use their best efforts to permit the pupils to arrive at school at 9 o'clock.

Last Wednesday was the anniversary of the great blizzard of 1858, which was one of the worst in years. But speaking of blizzards, a farmer in a neighboring town lost a valuable horse in a storm last August. It seems that this farmer had raised considerable pop corn that year and stored his crop in a small outbuilding, filling the structure completely. A thunder storm arose on the 29th of August and the corn bin was struck by lightning, generating so much heat that the corn popped and burst the top and sides of the bin. The farmer's mare was feeding in the vicinity, and seeing the pop corn flying through the air, the sagacious animal decided that it was a snow storm, so laid down and froze to death. Documentary evidence furnished on request.

Mrs. Mary Bailey Slade, who died in this city on Monday, was a lineal descendant of Mary Chilton, who was the first woman to land on Plymouth Rock. Mrs. Slade was the widow of Allen Chase Slade and made her home with her daughter, Mrs. O. H. King, on Farewell street. She was a native of Bristol and was in her 73rd year. She leaves three daughters, Mrs. O. H. King, Mrs. P. C. Bennett and Mrs. E. D. Thayer, and one son, Mr. G. A. Slade of Stonington.

The annual meeting of the Island Cemetery Company will be held at the State House on Monday evening, March 21.

Mr. Samuel C. Wilson has been appointed purser of the steamer General.

Col. George C. Shaw is able to be out after his recent illness.

Middletown.

VITAL STATISTICS.—Though Middletown is small in area and population, considerable time elapses after the termination of each calendar year before full returns of all births can be obtained. In some instances there is a delay in giving names to the children born, and in other cases removals from the town come in and retard the getting of all information required by law. Unlike the Hebrews, the Americans do not circumcise their children, and contrary to the custom obtaining in the old world, the natives of New England do not generally observe the rite of infant baptism or christening, and in consequence of which the infant gets no name for several months after birth. Last year as for several years past, the greater portion of the births were of Portuguese parentage and altogether nearly four fifths of the whole number were of foreign or mixed parentage. Prior to 1850 there were few foreigners inhabiting Middletown but since that date their number has increased in almost geometrical ratio. The whole number of births in 1901 was 33, divided according to sex into 19 males and 20 females. According to parentage there were 8 of American parents, 22 of Portuguese, 5 of other foreign parents and four were of mixed parentage. Preliminary to entering the marriage state 15 couples took out licenses from the Town Clerk's Office in 1901. Only three of these couples however were married in the town. This was a slight advance on 1900 when only one couple was married here.

The deaths number 15 being 9 less than last year. Of the decedents 9 were males and 6 females. Eight were above fifty years of age and three were under 5. In 1900 there were 35 births registered. According to the U. S. Census of 1900, the population of Middletown was 1,457, and last year the gain by excess of births over death was 34. One third of the total number of deaths occurred in the month of December when four adult men and one adult woman died.

ROADS AGAIN TO THE FRONT.—As usual the action of the frost has broken up the roads and demonstrated the need of extensive repairs in many places. Considerable lengths of the macadam roads required a new surface and many of the dirt roads need reconstruction. The new road bed on the easterly end of Green's Lane which was let out to contractors late in the autumn has never been completed, and the recent heavy traffic over it by teams hauling merchandise from the railway station has damaged the stone as first applied. There seems to be a quite general sentiment in favor of a further extension of the stone bed. People who use during the summer season the road extending from Sachuest Beach around by the Hanging Rocks are extremely anxious to have this highway improved and will doubtless endeavor to have something done next season for its betterment. In addition to all this movements will be made in some localities to have some private roads accepted as public highways, which will involve further expense to the taxpayers. Middletown is fast becoming a town of many ways considering its quite limited area, and the next problem will be to furnish sufficient means to keep them all in good condition for travel. Last year about \$7500.00 was expended on the highways and this year a substantial allowance will have to be made exclusively for needed repairs.

Portsmouth.

Mr. William E. Brightman of Tiverton has bought the fishing interest of Captain John M. Brownell, who has been engaged in fishing for over 20 years.

The town council and court of probate met Monday in the town hall, all the members being present.

It was voted that surveyor C. Henry Dyer be appointed a committee to confer with Miss Sarah J. Eddy in regard to a bridge in Willow lane in front of her premises, so as to improve the gutter where the water runs down. A two weeks' notice was to be given Miss Eddy before any action be taken.

It was voted to meet as a board of canvassers Monday evening, March 17th, at 7:30 o'clock.

The following bills were ordered paid: W. H. Tallman, surveyor of highways in district No. 3, for shovelling snow, \$158.85; C. Henry Dyer, district No. 4, \$69.05 for shovelling snow, and for repairs in highway, \$170.14; Henry Anthony, shovelling snow and repairs, \$110.00; W. H. Butler, four weeks' assistance to outside poor, \$6; Herbert Grinnell, team hire by Owen Reilly for carting liquors, \$4; J. E. Manchester, repairing windows and doors at town hall, \$10.35; Abram C. Chase, commissioner, for services of Mr. Manchester, fees allowed town council for this season, \$250; George E. Sison, shovelling snow, \$80.10 and repairs on highway in district No. 2, \$151.35.

In court of probate inventories of the estates of John P. and Elizabeth Coggeshall were allowed and ordered recorded.

News was received here last Saturday of the death of Mr. Stephen F. Chase, of Providence, who, with his family, for many years have been friends and summer visitors of the late Joseph G. Dennis and wife. His mother was Miss Susan Manchester, of Tiverton. He leaves a wife and one son, William, of New York.

Portsmouth Grange has voted to buy of the Newport County Agricultural Society about one-third of an acre of land from the tract recently purchased by that society on the east road near Quaker Hill. A committee was appointed to procure plans for the hall which the Grange will erect thereon, for general headquarters, and also to be used for the annual fair which the latter society holds each year at Oakland hall. The hall where the Grange now meets and the Agricultural society holds the fairs is the property of Oakland Lodge of Odd Fellows.

Mr. John R. Ward, who was injured in a runaway while driving a horse reel some time since, is able to be out.

GREAT STRIKE OFF

Result of Conference at Massachusetts Capitol

GOVERNOR'S GOOD OFFICES

Had Much to Do With Breaking the Embargo Upon Freight Traffic—Twenty Thousand Men Return to Work—Some Have Lost Positions

Boston, March 11.—Through the united efforts of representatives of the great mercantile bodies of the city, ably seconded by the chief executives of the city and state in conference with the recognized leaders of organized labor, the great strike of freight handlers and kindred trades represented in the Allied Freight Transportation council, which has held the city in its grasp for the past four days, was broken last night and the men, fully 20,000 of them, resumed their respective occupations this morning.

This result was attained at a conference yesterday afternoon at the office of Governor Crane. The decision was at once reported to the Allied Freight Transportation council at a special meeting last night and unanimously endorsed.

The settlement was the result of an expressed determination of Governor Crane and those representing the merchants of Boston to bring all possible pressure to bear upon the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad company to adopt the rules in force upon the Boston and Maine railroad, forbidding freight handlers to unload trains except at their own option and risk.

All of the old men for whom places can be found will be taken back by the railroads, but owing to the suddenness with which the strike was ended and the large number of new men who have been installed it is likely that many of the old employees will find no vacancies ready for them. Eventually, it is believed that they will regain their old positions.

Teamsters and longshoremen find an unprecedented demand for their services, and traffic of all descriptions, which has been virtually at a standstill for the past three or four days, was resumed today with a rush.

The Brine Transportation company, the loading and unloading of whose non-union teams precipitated the strike of the N. Y. N. H. and H. freight handlers, does not appear to have figured at all in the settlement of the present controversy, and as far as that company is concerned the settlement against it on the part of the labor unions is as bitter as ever. Under the new arrangement, however, union men will not be required to load or unload Brine teams.

Death of Altgeld.
Joliet, Ill., March 13.—John P. Altgeld, ex-governor of Illinois, died here yesterday of apoplexy with which he



JOHN P. ALTGELD.
was stricken on the conclusion of his speech at a pro-Boer mass meeting in the Joliet theatre Tuesday night.

Blondin Indicted.
Cambridge, Mass., March 11.—The grand jury of Middlesex county yesterday reported an indictment in four counts against Joseph W. Blondin, charging him with the murder of Margaret E. Blondin, his wife, at Chelsea, during April of last year. The report was submitted to Judge Hardy, who is holding superior court here.

Willing to Part With Islands.
Copenhagen, March 12.—The folketing, in committee of the whole and in executive session yesterday, voted, by a large majority, in favor of the ratification of the treaty providing for the sale of the Danish West Indian islands to the United States.

Victim of Infuriated Bull.
Newton, Mass., March 12.—David Betts, a farm hand on the Wauwinnet farm, was fatally gored by a bull last night. He was at work when attacked and finally was rescued by other workmen. Betts was terribly wounded and died in a short time.

Six Months For Manslaughter.
Dover, Me., March 11.—Mrs. Esther Gero, convicted of manslaughter on Saturday, in killing her husband, yesterday withdrew her motion for a new trial, and took a sentence of six months in jail.

Visit to Ireland Cut Out.
London, March 13.—It is officially announced that the proposed royal visit to Ireland this year has been cancelled, upon the advice of the cabinet.

Prominent Marlboro Man Dead.
Marlboro, Mass., March 14.—Edward J. Plunkett, twice elected mayor of this city, and who had previously served three years as councillor and two years as alderman, died yesterday of consumption, aged 32. He was district deputy of the Knights of Columbus and was well known throughout the state as a member of that order. He was unmarried.

ACCOUNTS SHORT

Teller in Portland Institution a Confessed Defaulter

MADE AWAY WITH \$43,000

Said to Have Been Connected With Business Ventures Which Have Proved Unsuccessful—Considered a Substantial Citizen of Old Orchard

Portland, Me., March 12.—Granville W. Leighton, teller of the National Traders' bank of this city, is under arrest, a self-confessed defaulter to the extent of \$43,000. The bank officials make no statement further than that Leighton has made over to the institution all his real estate and other property and that this, together with his bond, will make good the loss sustained by the bank.

The detection of the default was brought about by the discovery of an apparent error in Leighton's books yesterday afternoon. When pressed for an explanation, the teller broke down and made a complete confession, stating that his pecuniary dealings had been over a period of several months and would reach a total of \$43,000. He was immediately arrested by United States Marshal Hamilton.

It is said that Leighton's trouble is due to unsuccessful business ventures. He has been connected with a number of enterprises and several of them, it is said, have proved very expensive to the promoters. Just how long he has drawn upon the funds of the bank to meet his losses is not known.

The National Traders' bank is capitalized at \$250,000, and has undivided profits of \$100,000. The president of the institution is William G. Davis, and the cashier is John M. Gould.

Leighton is about 35 years old, married and has three children. At Old Orchard, where he makes his home, he was considered one of the substantial citizens of the town and has held many public offices. Several years ago he was prime mover in a local reform movement conducted by the so-called Citizens' Good-Government party, and at that time he was elected chairman of the board of selectmen. His family is socially prominent.

Serious Quarry Accident

Chester, Vt., March 12.—Five quarrymen were badly injured yesterday at the quarry of the Union Soapstone company, an explosion occurring while the men were working on the ledge with pickaxes, and coming in contact with dynamite which had failed to explode at the time a previous blast was attempted. When the explosion took place hundreds of tons of rock and earth were scattered in all directions. David Morris was thrown 50 feet across the pit, his arms and body being badly lacerated, both eyes torn out, and he will probably die. George Moore was also probably fatally hurt, but the others will recover.

Strike in Sympathy With Weavers

Providence, March 14.—The strike of the weavers in the mills of the American Woollen company is spreading to other departments of the mills which have been running since the lockout was raised. The sympathetic strike of the barbers and sewers went into effect yesterday and the boomers voted last night to refuse to fix looms to be operated by non-union help who have or who in future might be induced to take the places of the weavers.

Chairman Made a Bitter Deal

Warner, N. H., March 12.—The town meeting here was adjourned yesterday by the removal from office of Chairman Davis of the soldiers' monument commission. A report showed that Davis had given a contract for the stone work of the monument amounting to \$2400 for a personal consideration of \$200. The contractors made an assignment and certain documents fell into the hands of the receiver, who notified the town.

Spanish Cabinet Out

Madrid, March 14.—Premier Sagasta yesterday notified the queen regent that the cabinet had resigned when informed that the resignation of the finance minister, Senor Uriz, was irrevocable. Her majesty asked Senor Sagasta to form a new cabinet, to include all sections of the liberal party, but he declined to do so. The Spanish cabinet which has resigned was constituted March 6, 1901.

Buildlog Severed Boy's Nose

Warren, R. I., March 13.—James Montevola, aged 4, was attacked by a bulldog yesterday while playing with the animal, and received a terrible bite, only a few threads holding the nose from dropping to the ground. Two physicians, after making stitches in almost an endless chain, gave the boy's parents considerable encouragement that he would not be very badly disfigured.

Mandarins Breeding Trouble

Canton, March 14.—There is great dissatisfaction here at the extortionate taxes which the mandarins are levying under the pretext of meeting the instalments of the Chinese indemnity. The merchants have petitioned the viceroy for redress, asserting that they fear the action of the mandarins will lead to an uprising.

A French With Insurgents.
Manila, March 13.—Lieutenant Hagerdon, quartermaster of the Twenty-eighth infantry, has been placed in confinement, charged with embezzlement.

Epidemic of Chickenpox.
Gilbertville, Mass., March 13.—Reports having been circulated to the effect that there were 37 cases of smallpox in Gilbertville, Dr. Morse of the state board of health came here yesterday and was able to find only one person infected with the disease, while 33 are sick with chickenpox.

A BRITISH DISASTER

Lord Methuen, Many of His Men, a Four Gun Taken by Boers

London, March 11.—Lord Methuen is a prisoner in the hands of the Boers, under General Delarey. The fight in which General Methuen was captured occurred before dawn March 7, between Winburg and Mchintburg, Orange River Colony. The British force numbered 1200 men. The Boers captured all the British baggage, and four pieces of artillery. General Methuen, who was wounded in the thigh, is retained as a prisoner. Three British officers and 28 men were killed. Five British officers and 72 men were wounded. One British officer and 200 men are missing.

The feeling of depression in the lobby of the house of commons over the news of the disaster was very marked. The service members of the house expressed the opinion that it will necessitate sending fresh troops to the front, while the belief was widely expressed that the Boers will not fail to take advantage of General Methuen's prominence to hold him as a hostage for the safety of Commandant Kritzinger and other Boer leaders now in the hands of the British.

Delarey, who has proved himself to be the most able of all the Boer generals, has gained a second decisive victory within a fortnight. His first victory was the capture of Von Bismarck's convoy, when the British casualties in killed, wounded and prisoners totalled 632, and he has now added to his laurels by the capture, for the first time throughout the campaign, of a prominent British general and by inflicting what is generally admitted to have been one of the worst reverses the British have suffered throughout the whole war.

Moody Succeeds Long.
Washington, March 11.—The third change in the cabinet of President Roosevelt occurred yesterday when Secretary Long submitted his resignation in a graceful letter, it being ac-



WILLIAM HENRY MOODY.
accepted in one equally felicitous by the president. The change was made complete by the selection of Representative William Henry Moody of the Sixth congressional district of Massachusetts as Mr. Long's successor in the navy department.

Burglar Struck a Snaag

Boston, March 10.—Robert R. Reid, a restaurant keeper in the south end, sleeps in a room in the rear of his restaurant. He was awakened by a burglar early yesterday morning and in a fight the latter was given a fractured skull. The burglar gave the name of Frank Sullivan, aged 32. Reid was locked up as a witness. Reid pounded the intruder into insensibility with a bottle before he went out for the police.

Sensational Charges Squelched

Fall River, Mass., March 11.—At a meeting of the city government yesterday Arthur H. Brayton was elected city clerk. Two members, previous to the election of Brayton, made charges to the effect that they had been approached and offered money to vote for Brayton. They asked for a committee of investigation, but their request was refused.

Prince's Son Going to Sanatorium

Berlin, March 14.—Waldemar, the eldest son of Prince Henry of Prussia, is going with his tutor to Dr. Sahmann's sanatorium at Whiteburg. Why Waldemar should be sent to this sanatorium any other persons near the court. One such person reports the gossip that Waldemar develops slowly mentally. He is 12 years old and physically fine-looking.

An Alleged Forger

Concord, N. H., March 11.—George E. Bragg, 21 years old, was taken to Portland, Me., yesterday by United States Marshal Nute, who had arrested him in a lumber camp at Warren and brought him here for a preliminary hearing. He is wanted in Maine for the alleged forgery of a pension voucher two years ago.

Babe's Head in Sewer Trap

Worcester, Mass., March 10.—Margaret Ambrosy, aged 39, a Polish domestic, was arrested last night on a charge of infanticide, after a tenant in her home had discovered the head of an infant in a sewer trap. The body could not be found. Joseph Savage, who, the girl said, was the father, was held.

Against Compulsory Vaccination

New York, March 11.—At yesterday's meeting of the board of health of this city a resolution was adopted declaring against compulsory vaccination in any form. In the opinion of the board the passage of any bill by the legislature requiring compulsory vaccination is unwise and unethical.

Won't Be Extradited Just Yet

Concord, N. H., March 10.—Judge Stone of the superior court has granted a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Mrs. Martha S. Munsey of Tiltonfield, for whose extradition to Massachusetts Governor Jordan issued a warrant on Tuesday last. Mrs. Munsey is wanted in Massachusetts on the charge of uttering forged wills.

MAY CLOSE SEVENTY MILLS

Fall River Operatives Insist Upon Ten Percent Advance in Wages

Fall River, Mass., March 13.—Meetings of the unions composed entirely of textile operatives last night resulted in each instance in a vote to strike next Monday, unless the Textile Council shall order otherwise, in all the mills in which a 10 percent advance of wages is refused. The manufacturers have offered a 6 percent advance, to go into effect April 1. M. C. D. Borden has granted a 10 percent increase to employees of his mills. A strike such as seems impending would throw 25,000 people out of employment, and close about 70 mills.

The wage question is now left with the manufacturers again, and they take as firm a stand in their position as the operatives do in theirs. There are many persons who believe the strike will not materialize, and that something will turn up before Monday to avert the trouble.

NEW ENGLAND BRIEFS

The following fourth class postoffices will be advanced to the presidential class April 1: Kensington, Conn.; South Deerfield, Mass.; Enfield, N. H.; and Auburn and Mansville, R. I.

The Union block, one of the largest buildings at Claremont, N. H., was partially destroyed by fire. The loss will reach \$100,000.

Corydon Page, a lumber operator widely known in Maine and Massachusetts, died at his home at Abbott, Me., as a result of taking acetic acid with suicidal intent. He was 62 years old.

A gift of \$20,000 to the Harvard college observatory is announced. It is anonymous and no restrictions are placed upon the expenditure of the fund.

At the meeting of the Maine Old Home Week association it was decided that the occasion should be held this year during the first week of August.

William Smith, 5 years old, was run over by a team at Attleboro, Mass., which caused his death 15 minutes later.

Judge Pierce, in superior court at Worcester, Mass., named Edwin Brown receiver of the Flexible Door and Shutter company of Worcester, incorporated under the laws of Maine and capitalized at \$500,000. The action is one of protection to stockholders. It is said the business has outgrown its paid in capital.

Mrs. John Oates was found dead in her bed at Lowell, Mass. She had been suffocated by the fumes from a gas stove. The death was purely accidental.

Gloucester fishing schooner A. E. Whyland, which was abandoned at sea off Scituate Jan. 31, and was picked up by the schooner Massachusetts and towed into Canso, N. S., has arrived at Boston.

Catherine Priscilla Washington died at the home for the aged at New Bedford, Mass., aged 102 years, 11 months. Fire that threatened to destroy one of the largest business houses of Lowell, Mass., broke out on the top floor of the O'Donnell & Gilbride company's store. The damage is estimated at \$75,000.

A bill was introduced in the Rhode Island legislature limiting the hours of labor on street cars to 10 a day. President Eliot of Harvard university has been obliged to cancel all his engagements in the west and southwest, on account of the slow recovery of Mrs. Eliot from her recent illness.

With a rubber tube in his mouth and attached to a gas jet that was turned on at full blast, the body of a man supposed to be M. O. Nash of Weymouth, Mass., was found in a room in a Boston hotel.

As receiver for the Bradford, Vt., Savings Bank and Trust company, James B. Hale has declared a fourth dividend to depositors of 10 percent, which will be payable on April 10. This will bring the amount received by the depositors thus far up to 60 percent.

A site has been selected for the new building at Brown university donated by J. D. Rockefeller for the use of the religious societies of the institution.

The main building of the Wakefield, Mass., town farm was damaged to the extent of \$5000 by a fire that was caused by a defective chimney.

The Connecticut state board of charities voted to take from the Myrtle classical institute the children placed there from county homes. This action was a result of a report regarding the school's sanitary condition.

Governor McLean of Connecticut has issued a proclamation setting apart March 23 as a day of prayer and fasting.

Swampscott, Mass., has voted to accept the act of the legislature authorizing towns to adopt a system of sewerage. The system will consist of nine miles of pipe, to cost \$124,000.

Firemen of Attleboro, Mass., checked a bad fire in a dangerous locality. It started in the cellar of the Boston branch grocery and the flames were playing about an oil tank containing 200 gallons of kerosene when the firemen arrived. Loss about \$2500.

Harry LeMoine of Brookline, Mass., made a new world's swimming record at the Sportsman's show, Boston. He elapsed 25 seconds off the world's record, and covered the 50 yards in 15 1/2 seconds. The American record he broke by 4 1/2 seconds.

The old United States coast survey steamer A. D. Bache has been towed to Newport, R. I., and left at the training station. The old ship is past ordinary usefulness and it is believed that she will be used as a target for the North Atlantic squadron.

The body of Mrs. Eva N. Thorndike, who apparently killed herself at North Weymouth, Mass., has been identified by Christian P. King of Hanover, N. H., as that of his sister, whom he had not seen for 12 years. He will claim the body.

Two Hundred Killed.
St. Petersburg, March 14.—A dispatch received at the war office announces that another fight occurred between Russian troops and 200 Tungus, north of Hubandsy, Manchuria. Two hundred Tungus were killed, including their leader. Two Russians were wounded.

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